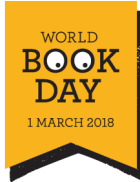


In Character!



Despite the very cold weather on Thursday 1st March students and staff braved the cold to dress-up as

their favourite book characters for World Book Day. We had a wide variety of costumes and it was great to see students and staff joining in and getting



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- enthusiastic about books and reading.
- Sue Bate, our librarian, was the Worst Witch for the day and encouraged students to drop by the library to take part in quizzes and competitions. We had three Winstanley 'Goody Bags' to give away and the winners were **Amelia** who dressed up as Negan from Walking Dead, **Ellie May** who was The Cat in the Hat and **Hayden** who came as MrT.



Students voted for Catering Teacher Miss Yates as the best dressed member of staff. All students were given a £1 Book voucher which can be used at most shops to either get £1 off any book or can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day titles. Students can also save their token until we have our annual book



fayre after the Easter break.



Keep a look out on social media to see

our fundraising for **Sport Relief.**

Thursday 22nd

Students taking on Olympic swimmer, Head of Year 9

Mr Turner in the pool at lunchtime.

Friday 23rd

Staff Bake-Off, judging by **Student Council** and cake on sale at lunchtime.

Welcome

Welcome to our Easter Newsletter. Looking through it you will see the wide variety of activities that students at Winstanley have the opportunity to take part in. You will also see how our students demonstrate our Shine values in all sorts of ways. In addition to these activities our Year 11s are working hard to prepare themselves for their GCSEs. Over the next two weeks we have got our Easter Revision Academy which will provide students with key revision messages, individualised support and the tools they need to raise their grades. As always we thank you for all your support through this term - our partnership with you in making sure that your son or daughter gets the best possible opportunities and education is vital.

We wish you a happy and restful Easter.

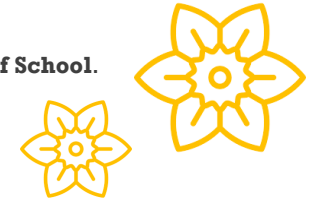
Mr Williams and Mr Bennett, Co-Heads of School.



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Understanding Faith

In the run up to Easter, Year 7 and 8 students have been learning about Christianity and what peoples faith means to them. To support this learning on March 1st we were pleased to welcome Josh, a youth worker from Trinity Life Church in Leicester. He spoke to our students about his experience of living a Christian life and how he uses the bible to make informed life-choices and decisions. He was a big hit with students who felt really comfortable asking him some philosophical questions about the bible and how it relates to life in the 21st Century. Mrs Boyce, our



Religious studies teacher said "There was so much enthusiasm, the classroom was buzzing with religious debate."

Students have also had a special assembly where they were given the choice to take away a free copy of the bible. Mrs Boyce 'interviewed' Tony from Gideons about why they give away bibles, about his own faith and what the bible means to him. Students at The Winstanley School are enjoying learning about a whole variety of faiths and cultures in Religious Studies and having guest speakers really brings the subject to life with the opportunity to discuss different religious opinions and understand the diversity of faith.





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Love your Library!



In the school's drive to promote a love of reading, we are enjoying a series of visits to our local Library. As part of their later GCSE exams, all English students will be required to employ a range of reading skills and as such it is vital that students begin to develop these skills as early as possible. These Library sessions will give students the opportunity to explore the resources available to them at their local library and should ideally promote reading a wide range of genres. The school recognises how beneficial out of school learning experiences can be and are keen to offer this opportunity to as many Year 7 and 8 students as possible. Thanks to Braunstone Town Library for making us so welcome during our first visit, and we look forward to bringing more students during April.



Child's play

Some of our students were lucky enough to experience the responsibilities of parenthood for a whole weekend in March. Reality Youth project lent them Realcare babies which are used as part of their healthy relationships courses. They are programmed to provide a 24 or 48 hour virtual parenting experience. They have a range of programmes on them, in varying degrees of difficulty, and these are based on the diaries kept by real parents about their babies to make them as realistic as possible.



Inside the baby is a computer that registers how well it was cared for it then works out a student score and a report which the student gets back. Our students were surprised at how difficult they found not just the lack of sleep but the fact that they had to take their baby everywhere with them, they would like to say a big thank you to the Reality Youth Project for the experience.



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We are now on **Instagram**,
join our other 100+ followers!



Exam Motivation

Special thanks to Dai Perks who came in to give a motivational speech to Year 11 on the 23rd February. He gave them lots of great advice for their forthcoming exams and some revision tips which should enable them to achieve and succeed. He also looked at how the mind stores information and the best ways to maximize revision time. The desks in the hall were set out in exam rows and this will help them recall some of his help and advice when they sit at the same desks for exams.

In touch...

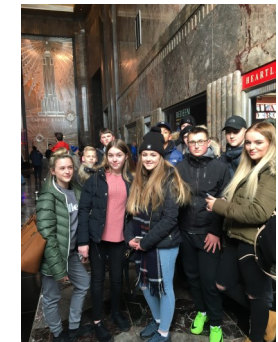
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We post regularly on **Twitter**, **Facebook**
and **Instagram** with our news as it happens..



Big Apple, Big Hit!

Students who visited New York during February all had a fantastic, though tiring time on their whistle-stop tour! In the short time they were there they managed to fit in well known landmarks like the Empire State Building and Madison Square Gardens. They had an emotional and thought provoking day at the 9/11 Memorial Museum. They even found time to fit in some shopping! Enthusiastic trip leaders Mr Dublin and Miss Harris said the students were amazing and all had a fantastic time. To see more photos of the trip visit our Flickr Gallery, there is a link on our website.



Independence

Really well done to **Urvi** from Year 10 who did an amazing assembly about Anti Bullying recently to Year 7 and 8. She researched the issues and key facts and did a fantastic job of getting the message across to her audience, she did all this independently using her own initiative and asked Heads of Year if she would be able to present the assembly. It can be a daunting experience speaking to such a large group of your peers, but she was really confident and did a great job.



Never Giving Up

Michael, Shawn and David who are all in Year 11 have shown true determination in pursuing their dreams of a career in football. Not only do they train hard and play for Winstanley sports teams but most weekends have seen them getting up early and travelling to clubs around the country to 'try out' for scholarship places. So far Michael has been taken on by Northampton, Shawn is going to Peterborough and David is still looking for a club to offer him a place.



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Supporting Others

Year 9 students have been supporting pupils at nearby Kingsway school with their Maths skills prior to them taking their SATs. They've really enjoyed the challenge and it's a great opportunity for them to act as ambassadors for the school.



Attendance

The following students have all achieved 100% attendance this term, well done!

- Divine, Tyler, Kacey, Kian, Lita, Benas, Ben C, Emma, Angel, Reuben, Joseph, Julia, Radiya, Daya, Saskia, Vanessa, Michael, Sania, Devon, Iye, Amanpreet, Callum, Finley, Libby-Rae, Isha, Lotredge, Kamile, Zarianti, Brad, Dhanya, Archie, Natalia, Sam, Tia, Lewis, Randeep, Simran, David, Alocs, Samuel, Tommy, William, Alfie, Ben W, Ethan and Joel**



**Attend today...
Achieve tomorrow!**

Let yourself SHINE

Excellence



Hard Work

Toby, Isha, Khalid and Rahul took part in this year's Regional Final of the UK Maths Team Challenge at Castle Rock High School on March 8th. They worked really hard all day with tasks involving mathematical, communication and teamwork challenges competing against other schools in the area. Well done for representing the school and keep up the hard work.



Our Badminton Team are really achieving excellence and have just won the Area Championship. The team **Brad, Elliot, Leo and Frazer** did a fantastic job representing the school and showed lots of competitive spirit and sportsmanship in their games leading up to the final at Babington Academy for the County finals where they came 3rd. It's a great achievement for a small school like Winstanley to do so well in a County competition and is testament to the grit and determination of our students to always work hard and 'Shine Brighter than they thought they could'.



School time

Just a reminder to parents and students that the school gates close at **8.35am** in the morning and all students should be in lessons ready to learn by **8.40am**.

